

## **New Boston Town Center Project**

### **SCREENING CRITERIA**

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### **Project Problem Statement**

The transportation infrastructure in the center of New Boston is no longer adequate for the increased volume of local and through traffic (commercial/residential); the range of users; multiple modes of travel; and land use patterns. The layout of the transportation infrastructure and increased volume of traffic negatively impact the safety, access, aesthetics, connectivity, environment, tranquility, sociability, and rural character of the Village. There is a lack of safe contiguous well-defined facilities for those wishing to access the area's business, recreational, institutional, and historical resources.

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### **Project Vision Statement**

The transportation infrastructure in the center of New Boston will adequately accommodate a range of multi-modal traffic, users and land use patterns. The layout of the transportation infrastructure will enhance safety, access, aesthetics, connectivity, environment, tranquility, sociability and the rural character of the Village. A system of safe, contiguous and well-defined facilities will be available for those wishing to access and utilize the area's businesses, recreational, institutional and historic resources.

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The purpose of screening is to evaluate whether a concept is effective in addressing the problems and goals defined for the project. The following criteria will be used during the planning phase to determine if a concept is reasonable and should be included in the range of reasonable alternatives.

<b>Rating Criteria</b>		
<b>(Neg) – Negative</b>	<b>(N) – Neutral</b>	<b>(Pos) – Positive</b>
Negative Impact Degradation Opposition	Neutral Not Applicable No Impact	Benefit Improvement Enhancement Support

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Alternative:	Rating		
	Neg	N	Pos
The proposed alternative accommodates a balance between vehicular, bicycle, and pedestrian traffic.			
The proposed alternative supports Route 13 as a commuter route.			
The proposed alternative supports the downtown area as a gathering place for residents and visitors.			
The proposed alternative supports local businesses and Town services (i.e., library, town hall, fire department).			
The proposed alternative supports New Boston's goals for access management and land use.			
The proposed alternative provides connectivity for pedestrian traffic.			
The proposed alternative improves the downtown environment.			
The proposed alternative enhances the rural character of the Village.			
The proposed alternative provides well-defined transportation facilities for all users.			
The proposed alternative minimizes impacts to private property.			
The proposed alternative enhances or defines parking downtown.			
The proposed alternative enhances the view and access to the river.			
The proposed alternative encourages drivers to obey the speed limit in town.			
The proposed alternative provides clear guidance to through drivers and bicyclists.			
The proposed alternative is cost effective and affordable within 2 years.			
The proposed alternative can be implemented in phases over a period of time.			
Evaluate the effect on the historic resources in the Town Center.			
Evaluate the effect on surface waters, aquifers, wetlands, floodplains, and riparian areas.			
The proposed alternative is supported by Town officials and the community.			
Overall Rating (Acceptable / Not Acceptable):			